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Inquiry: From the Respiratory Update Page 7, regarding verbal orders from PA's, does this mean we cannot do the procedure until the order is countersigned? We have a very busy ER and frequently use PA's. I find it interesting that nurses can take an order from a PA but we cannot.

Response: Page seven of the update was not intended to prevent care from occurring to a patient in need. It was however intended to ensure that PA's and FNP's are accountable for writing their own verbal orders so that they can be countersigned by their oversight physician.

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